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Bulgaria sets up defense aid, for suspect in Pope's shooting

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Bulgaria said Monday it has set up the National Committee in Defense of Sergei Antonov, a Bulgarian national who is accused by Italian authorities of involvement in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul in 1981. Mr. Antonov was working as an airline employee in Italy at the time.

It did not say what action the committee planned. Bulgarian media accuse the CIA of rigging the affair to discredit the communist country.